

App. No. 10/808,620
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action mailed November 15, 2005, Claims 1-21 were rejected by the Office Action. Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weiner (US 2003/0023424) in view of Kirkland (US 2004/0122979). No Claims have been amended. No new matter has been added. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weiner in view of Kirkland. The Applicants respectfully disagree and present the following for consideration.

Regarding Claims 1, 9 and 16 the Office Action states that "Weiner discloses a multimedia dictionary that allows a user to gain access to a dictionary messaging system and then enter information that the user would like to have translated (page 2, paragraph 0023). Once the information is transferred to the MMS server, a dictionary server reads and converts the information into the media type and format type that is requested by the user (page 2, paragraph 0026). Once the information has been translated, trans-coded and/or encoded according to the user's request by the dictionary server, it is then outputted to the user in the media and format type requested by the user (page 3, paragraph 0031)." The Office Action acknowledges that "Weiner does not explicitly disclose entering a shorthand term, obtaining a definition, and then displaying the definition."

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The Office Action argues that "Kirkland discloses a method and program for compression and abbreviation for fixed length messaging in which a user inputs a source text message, then a messaging device shortens the source text in accordance to a pre-defined message length reduction profile which may contain a personal dictionary of preferred abbreviations, acronyms, and/or other compressive transformation rules that reduce the size of the source text message (page 2, paragraph 0025)." As shown by the Office Action, Kirkland does not teach "entering a shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application" or "displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application" as recited in Claim 1. In contrast, Kirkland teaches entering a text message that is then shortened according to a profile.

The Office Action further argues that "[t]he recipient of the compressed text message can reverse the compulsive transformations made to the original text (page 2, paragraph 0026)" and that "it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to follow the teachings of Kirkland and implement a shorthand dictionary service in the invention of Weiner in order to allow a user to enter in an acronym or other compressively transformed word and receive the full-length version." The Applicants respectfully disagree. Even if Weiner and Kirkland were combined they still fail to teach the recitations as found within the Applicants' Claims.

Kirkland is directed at "compressing and abbreviating text messages at a first text messaging device for transport and subsequent interpretation at a second text messaging device. A message length reduction profile containing a dictionary of abbreviations and selected compressive transformation rules is associated with a source text message at a first text

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messaging device. The source text message is then shortened using the abbreviations and transformation rules in the profile. The shortened text message can then be transmitted to a second text messaging device" (paragraph 9). Among other differences, Kirkland and Weiner do not allow "entering a shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application" as recited in Claim 1. Additionally, neither Weiner nor Kirkland discloses "a document creation application" or "displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application." Kirkland merely discloses entering text messages that are then compressed.

Kirkland allows a user to enter a text message that is then shortened according to a profile for transmission to another device. Kirkland does show that the shortened text message may be interpreted according to a profile but Kirkland is directed at recreating the original message that has already been shortened. Neither Weiner nor Kirkland allow "entering [of] a shorthand term to be defined directly from within a document creation application" or "displaying the definition of the shorthand term within the application."

For at least the reasons presented above, neither Weiner nor Kirkland disclose the recitations of Claim 1, the computer-readable medium as recited in Independent Claim 9 or the system as described in Independent Claim 16.

Conclusion

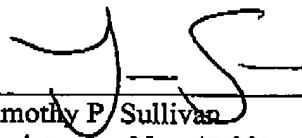
In view of the foregoing remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner

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